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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff
FROM: Russ Kulp, Director, MassHealth Operations
RE: **Changes to Automatic MAOA Conversion Process**

Current Process When Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) cash benefits for a MassHealth member on category 02 are terminated by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), the member is systematically converted to category 06 on PACES through the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans (MAOA) process. This conversion takes place regardless of the TAFDC closing reason. The MAOA category 06 case is selected for review after a four-month protection period.

New Process Effective October 1, 2007, category 02 (TAFDC) MassHealth members whose benefits are terminated with the following action reasons will no longer convert to a category 06 MAOA case on PACES.

Action Reasons

- 25 – closed due to receipt of SSI
- 38 – voluntary withdrawal
- 48 – no longer a resident of Massachusetts
- 49 – closed due to death
- 50 – whereabouts unknown-no mail returned
- 54 – whereabouts unknown-mail returned

These members will be compared against MA21 to see if they are currently on a MassHealth Standard benefit that is equivalent to category 06. If there is a MassHealth Standard equivalent benefit, the member will not be included in the MAOA process and no category 06 case will be created on PACES. These cases will be reviewed by staff at Central Office.

If the member is not on MA21 as receiving a MassHealth Standard equivalent benefit, the member will be converted through the MAOA process to category 06 and automatically closed for the original category

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New Process
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02 termination reason. PACES will send a notice with the same termination reason as the category 02 closing. This new process will ensure that MassHealth benefits do not continue after the closing of DTA benefits.

Members whose category 02 benefits are closed for any other reason will follow the original MAOA process.

Questions

If you have any questions about this memo, please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.
